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In re Patent Application of:  
Chong-Sheng YUAN

Application No.: 10/043,787

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
ASSAYING HOMOCYSTEINE

Examiner: D. Ramirez

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action dated January 26, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed February 9, 2005. An amendment and an RCE was due on or before April 9, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 9, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicant has given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.